Mercury Control by EPRI MerCAP™ Process

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Project Background

- Financial Assistance Program DE-FC26-03NT41993
- Two Test Sites
 - Georgia Power Plant Yates Unit 1
 - Great River Energy Stanton Station Unit 10

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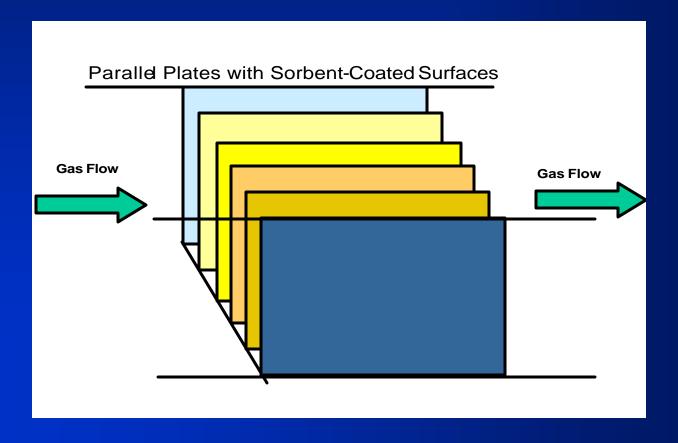
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Project Background

- Fixed sorbent structures to adsorb mercury
 - Gold substrates



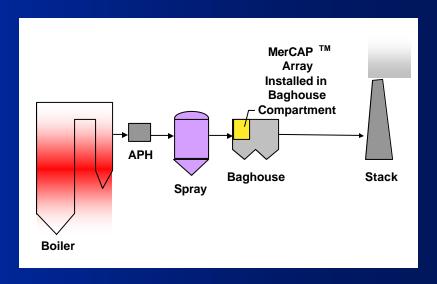
Project Background

- Concept tested using small-scale probes since 1999
- Full scale tests at two sites downstream of scrubbers
 - Plant Yates Unit 1 (on-going)
 - 1 MWe slipstream fitted with gold plates
 - Wet Scrubber (Chiyoda CT-121 jet bubbling reactor)
 - Stanton Unit 10 (completed)
 - Full-scale baghouse compartment retrofitted with gold plates
 - Dry Scrubber

Project Objectives

Evaluate MerCAPTM technology downstream of wet and dry scrubbers

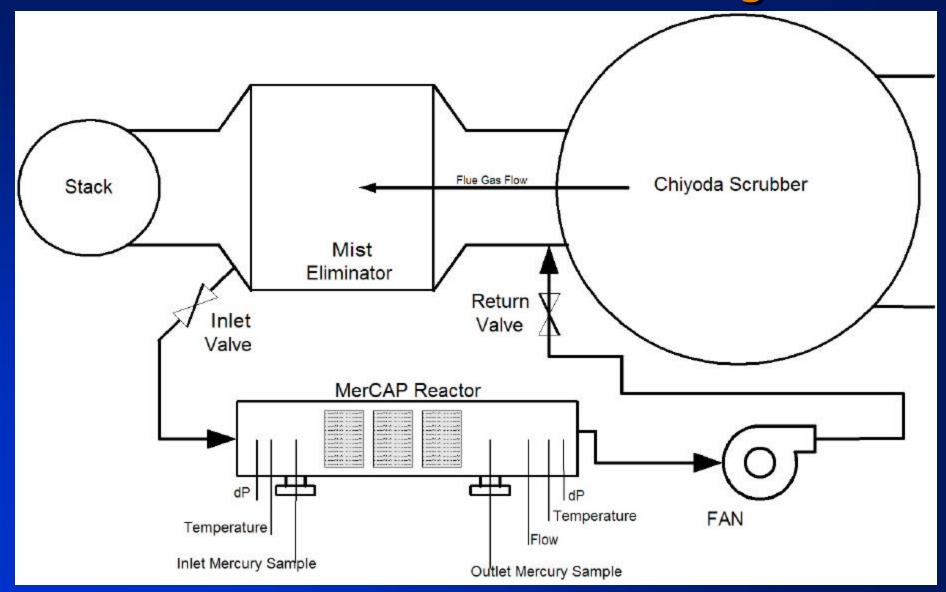
- Removal performance & variability
 - Optimal process conditions
- Regeneration
 - Thermal
 - Chemical
- Economic viability



Georgia Power Plant Yates Unit 1

Boiler					
Туре	CE Tangential Fired				
Nameplate (MW)	100				
Coal					
Туре	Eastern Bituminous				
Sulfur (wt %, day)	1.0				
Mercury (mg/kg, dry)	0.10				
Chloride (mg/kg, dry)	300-1400				
ESP					
Туре	Cold-Side				
SCRUBBER					
Туре	Chiyoda CT-121				
Scrubber Outlet Temp. (°F)	130				
NO _x Controls	Low NOx Burners				
SO ₂ Controls	Chiyoda CT-121 wet scrubber				

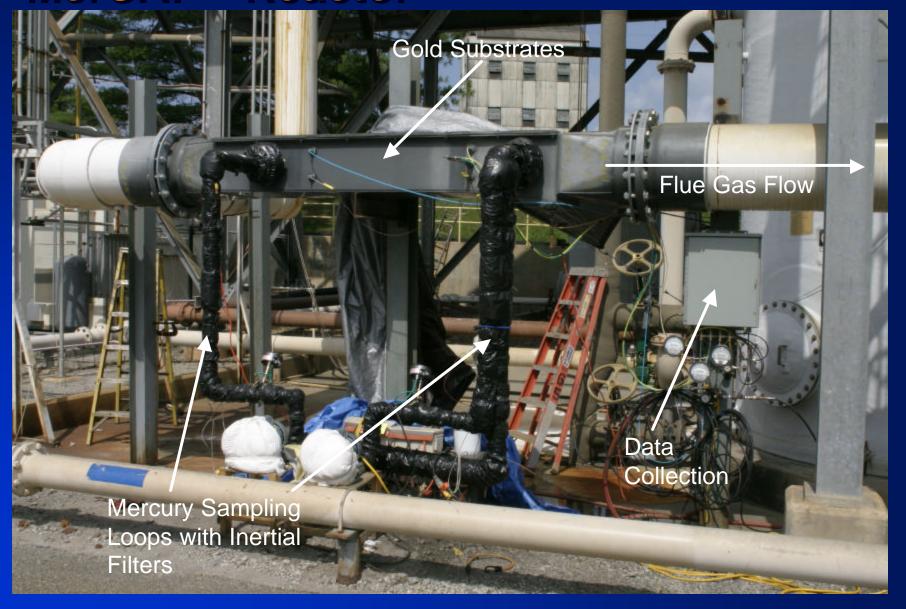
Plant Yates Unit 1 MerCAPTM Configuration



MerCAP™ Installed at Plant Yates Unit 1



MerCAP™ Reactor



Planned Tests

Baseline Monitoring

Determine Effects (if any) of reactor housing on mercury

Monitoring with gold substrates

- Initial testing after installation
- 6 months continuous operation
- Mercury measurements approximately every 40 days

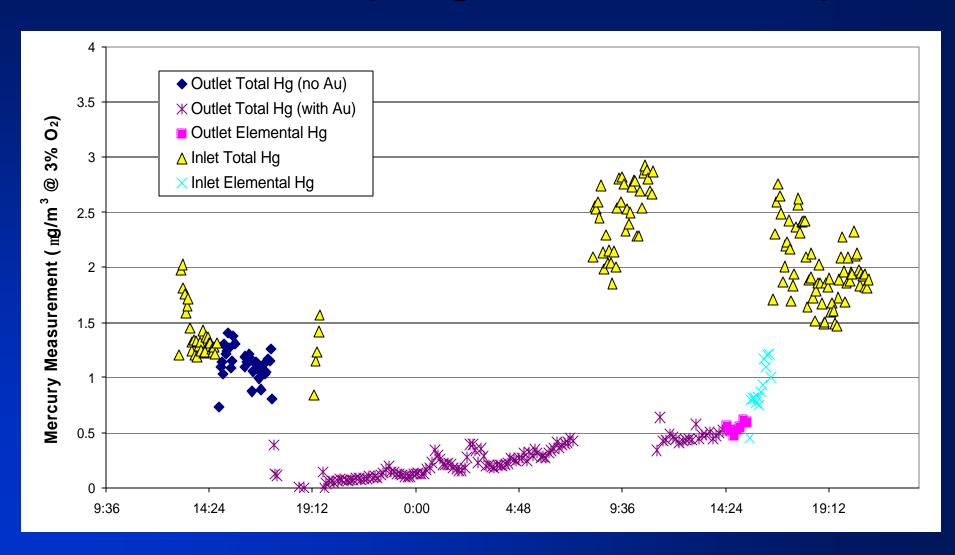
Substrate Regeneration

- Thermal
- Chemical (acid rinse)

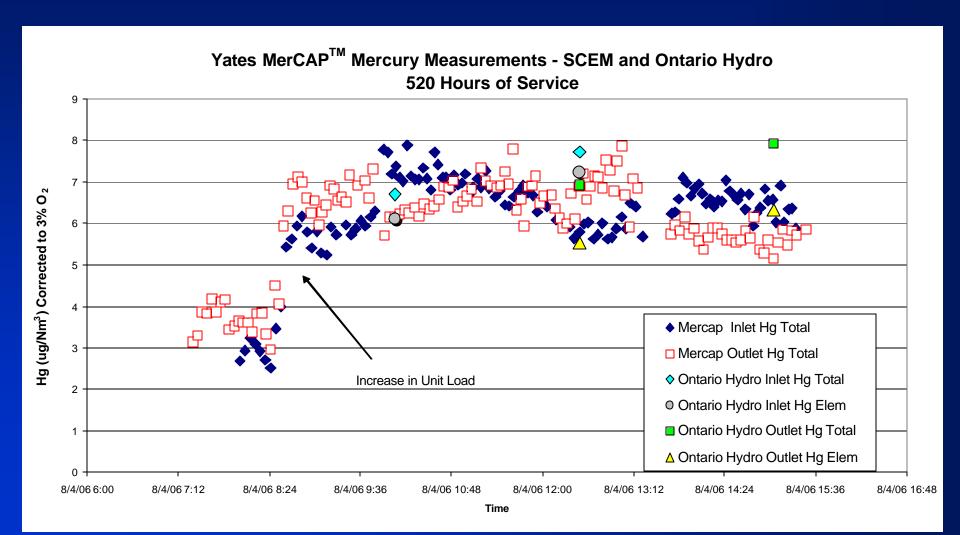
Project Status – Plant Yates

- Baseline Monitoring
 - No effect of reactor housing on mercury
- Initial Mercury Measurements
 - Showed high mercury removal possible
- Fan Failure
 - Acidic Flue Gas backed up through system
 - Corroded substrates
- System re-routed to avoid high pressure drop
 - Substrates replaced and restarted July 2006

Initial Results (Original Substrates)



Results (New Substrates)



Results (New Substrates)

	Flow Rate	Gold Length	Inlet Hg	Outlet Hg		Normalized Removal		
Date	(acfm)	(inches)	(mg/Nm³ @3%O ₂)	(mg/Nm³ @3%O ₂)	% Hg Removal	(%/gold plate/acfm*10^6)		
7/13/2006	3600	36	3.61	3.08	15%	0.17		
7/13/2006	2700	36	3.51	3.07	13%	0.19		
7/14/2006	2700	36	4.23	3.88	8%	0.13		
7/14/2006	1900	36	3.98	3.58	10%	0.22		
7/14/2006	1300	36	3.98	3.61	9%	0.29		
7/15/2006	1300	36	2.03	1.96	3%	0.11		
7/15/2006	2700	36	4.23	4.11	3%	0.05		
8/4/2006	2700	36	6.19	6.06	2%	0.03		
8/18/2006	1300	12	3.53	3.30	6%	0.20		

Summary – Plant Yates

- Initial Results indicate high level of mercury removal is possible
- Acidic conditions in flue gas corrode gold and stainless steel substrates
- Material build-up on gold surface inhibits mercury adsorption
 - Possibly gypsum fines that pass through the mist eliminator
 - Effect of flue gas flow rate not evident when plates are fouled
 - Wash system demonstrated improvement in mercury removal in short section of gold
- Ontario Hydro confirmed results seen with SCEMs

Future Plans for MerCAPTM at Plant Yates

- 6 months continuous operation
 - Parametric tests
 - **Wash frequency**
 - Flue gas flow rate / mass transfer
- Analysis of fouling material
 - Determine best way to wash substrates

GRE Stanton Station – FF/SDA Installation Background

- First Phase SDA/FF Equipped Unit
- Host Unit Great River Energy's Stanton Station Unit 10
- First substrates installed in August of 2003 in Clean Air Plennum of Baghouse Compartment 6
- Initial removal high (~70-90%), removal stabilized near 35 40%
- Results on North Dakota Lignite operation showed 3 months of service at 35 40% removal
- Results on PRB operation showed varied removal depending on gas temperature and lime/slurry feed to SDA
- Array removed from host unit in July of this year
- Over 22 months continuous gas treatment service time
- Additional evaluations and tests funded by Great River Energy and EPRI

GRE Stanton Station – FF/SDA Installation Recent Work

- Geometry parametric testing
- Several geometry variations investigated including:
 - Varied length
 - Varied plate spacing
 - Varied orientation in flow
- Results indicate that removal does not directly correlate to active length
- Mass-Transfer not limiting
- Mechanism under investigation

GRE Stanton Station – FF/SDA Installation Recent Work

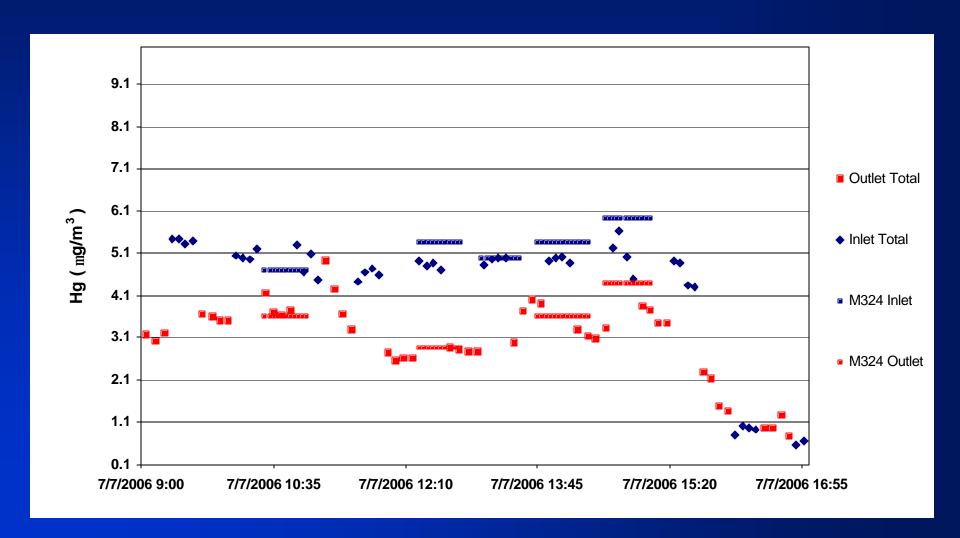
Date	Description of Geometry/Duct	Removal (%)	Duct Temp (F)	Lime Feed (GPM)	Comments	
	Duct 1 - 10' Active Length 1-inch Plate Spacing	39.2				
4/25/2006	Duct 2 - Empty	202.8	21	2-day Average		
	Duct 3 - 40 Plates Perpendicular to Flow	4.7	202.0	۷۱	2-day Average	
	Duct 4 - 8' Active Length, Alternate Material	9.7				
	Duct 1 - 10' Active Length 1-inch Plate Spacing	36.2	1		10-day Average	
5/5/2006	Duct 2 - 8' Active Length, Alternate Material	0		21.5		
5/5/2006	Duct 3 - 5 Plates Perpendicular to Flow	7.4	209.2	21.3		
	Duct 4 - 4' Active Length 1-inch Plate Spacing 26.5					
7/7/2006	Duct 1 - 10' Active Length 1-inch Acid Washed	54.6			1-Day Average	
	Duct 2 - 2' Active Length 1/2-inch Plate Spacing	56.5		N/A		
	Duct 3 - 2' Active Length 1-inch Plate Spacing	25.8	∠10.0	IN/A		
	Duct 4 - 4' Active Length 1-inch Plate Spacing	30.6				

GRE Stanton Station – FF/SDA Installation Recent Work

- 22nd Month of service time
- Method 324 Measurements conducted to verify Hg CEM results
- Removal remains variable depending on gas temperature and lime/slurry feed-rate
- 40 50% removal observed after nearly 2 years of continuous treatment service

					Trap					
			Inlet Hg	Outlet Hg	Removal		% Diff	CEM	% Diff	CEM
Start Time	End Time	Trap ID	(Trap)	(Trap)	(%)	CEM Inlet	(inlet)	Outlet	(outlet)	Remvoal
7/7/2006 10:29	7/7/2006 10:59	2	4.72	3.59	24.01	4.98	-5.55	3.82	-6.47	23.34
7/7/2006 12:20	7/7/2006 12:50	3	5.36	2.87	46.50	4.83	9.97	2.85	0.85	41.08
7/7/2006 13:05	7/7/2006 13:30	4	5.00			4.94	1.10	3.00		
7/7/2006 13:45	7/7/2006 14:22	5	5.36	3.61	32.56	4.94	7.68	3.45	4.49	30.24
7/7/2006 14:33	7/7/2006 15:05	6	5.94	4.41	25.76	5.09	14.28	3.59	18.70	29.59

GRE Stanton Station – FF/SDA Installation Recent Work



GRE Stanton Station – FF/SDA Installation Conclusions

- HerCAP™ Array has been removed from the GRE Stanton Station Unit 10 Baghouse.
- Nearly 2 years of continuous service and gas treatment time without regeneration
- Six regeneration cycles demonstrated on single substrate
- Acid pretreatment of substrate material increases mercury capture performance
- Removal performance varies with gas temperature and limestone/slurry feed-rate to SDA
- Removal performance does not directly correlate to active length of sorbent structure
- Indications that mercury capture may not be mass-transfer limited
- Final analysis of gold substrates pending

Questions...